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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 to inform the Patent Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of any claim of the application, Attorneys for Applicants hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the references listed in the attached Form 1449.

The listed documents were cited in a Notice of Allowance issued in the corresponding Japanese Application No. 2004-564570 on March 15, 2011. Applicants point out that the references cited in the Notice of Allowance and not listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were previously submitted in this application and thus are not included in this IDS. A copy of the Notice of Allowance is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial and return the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the references have been considered and made of record herein.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance in the corresponding Japanese Application No. 2004-564570. Accordingly, no fee is due. However, should the Patent

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